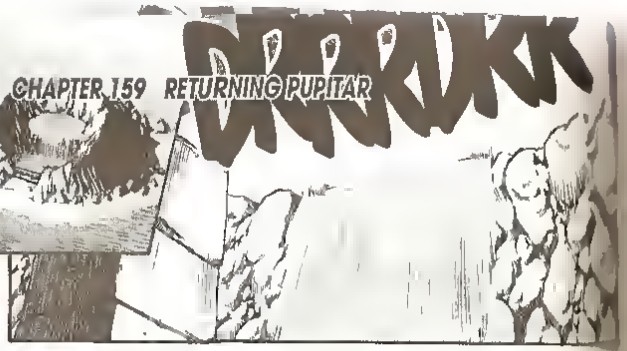

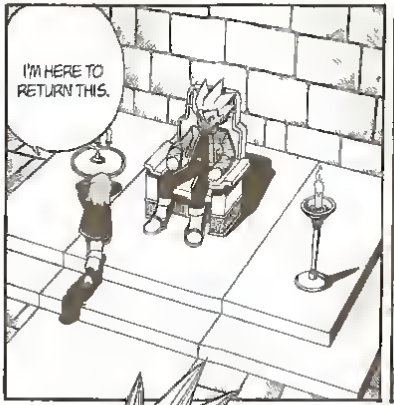

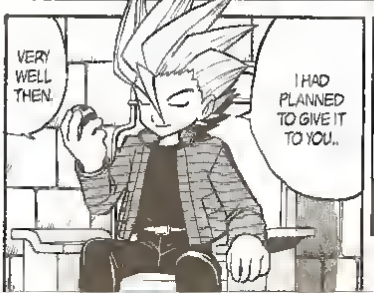

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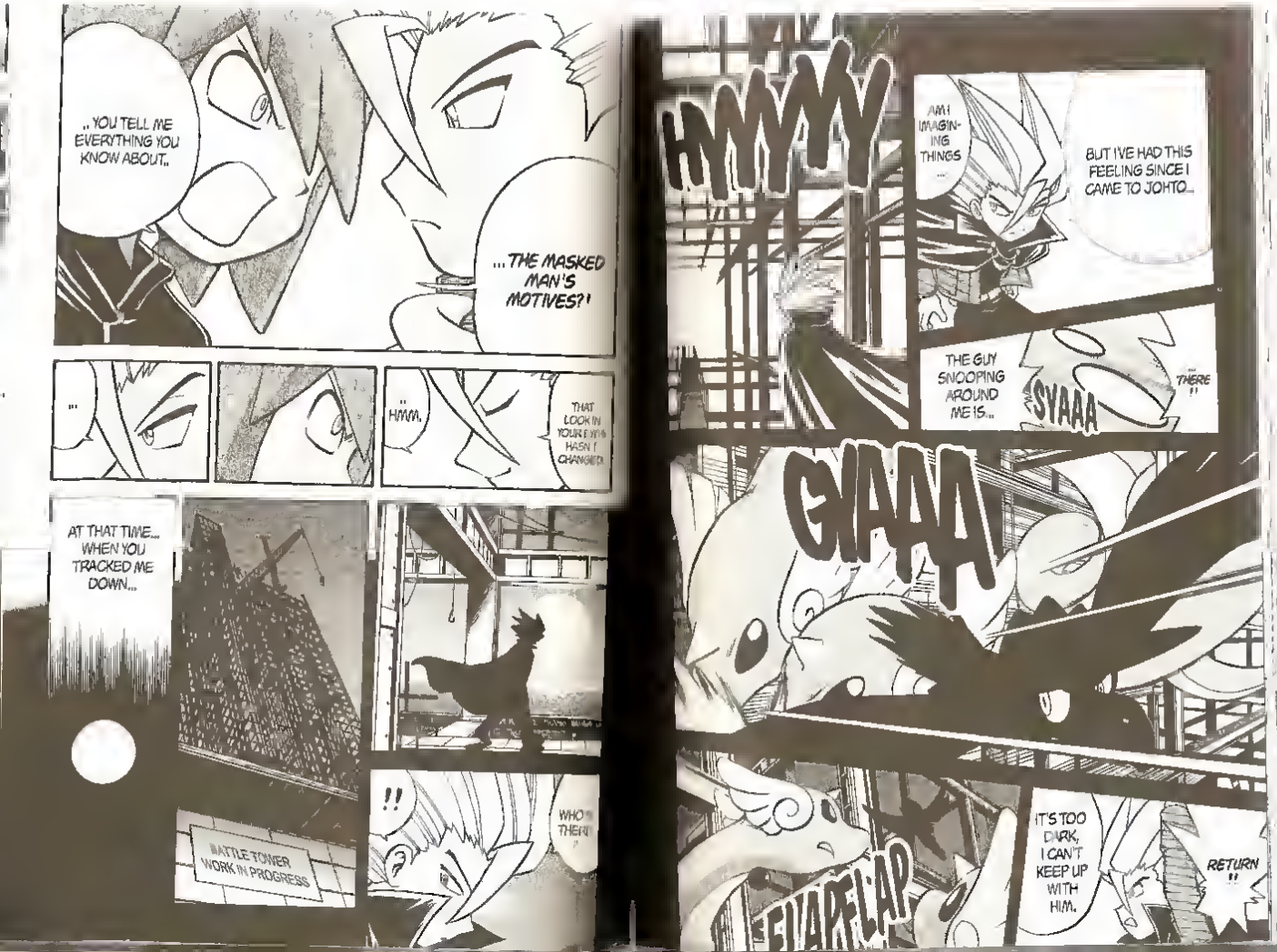
RETURNING PUPITAR

...AM STRONGER !!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
THE REASON I'VE BEEN AT YOUR BECK AND CALL THIS SIX MONTHS ..
.. WAS BECAUSE I WANTED TO GET CLOSER TO MY ENEMY.
ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME ..


.. YOU TELL ME EVERYTHING YOU KNOW ABOUT..
...THE MASKED MAN'S MOTIVES?!
..
HMM.
THAT LOOK IN YOUR EYES HASN'T CHANGED!
AT THAT TIME... WHEN YOU TRACKED ME DOWN...
BATTLE TOWER WORK IN PROGRESS
!!
WHO'S THERE!
HYYYYY
AM I IMAGINING THINGS ...
BUT I'VE HAD THIS FEELING SINCE I CAME TO JOHTO...
THE GUY SNOOPING AROUND ME IS...
SYAAA
...THERE!!
GYAAA
FUAFLAP
IT'S TOO DARK, I CAN'T KEEP UP WITH HIM.
RETURN!!

GIVE UP?!
MURKROW, PURSUIT!!
AAA
THUD
WHY...
...ME?

HAHAHA, LET ME GUESS. THE REASON YOU'RE FOLLOWING ME...
YOU'RE THINKING, 'THIS LANCE WHO HAD TRIED CAPTURING A GIGANTIC BIRD POKÉMON...
...MIGHT BE INVOLVED IN THE KIDNAPPING INCIDENT NINE YEARS AGO', ISN'T IT?
THIS MURKROW REMEMBERS EVERYTHING, FROM ITS TRAINER'S WORDS TO ACTIONS.
AND FROM ITS MEMORY, IT DETECTS EVEN UNSPOKEN WORDS.
I POSSESS THE ABILITY TO LOOK INTO POKÉMON'S HEART AND MEMORIES.
...SO THIS IS THE RUMORED MYSTERIOUS POWER OF LANCE...!
I MUST COMPLIMENT YOU ON FINDING ME. NOBODY KNOWS IF I WAS DEAD OR ALIVE AFTER MY LAST BATTLE AT SALT ISLAND.
UNFORTUNATELY, I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THE INCIDENT NINE YEARS AGO.
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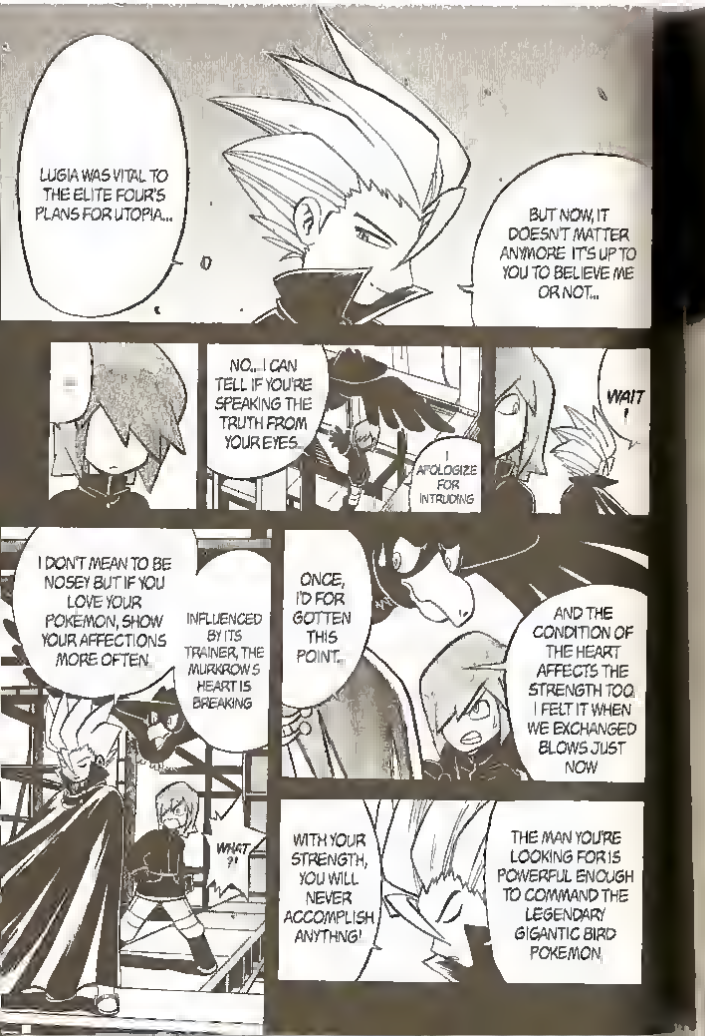
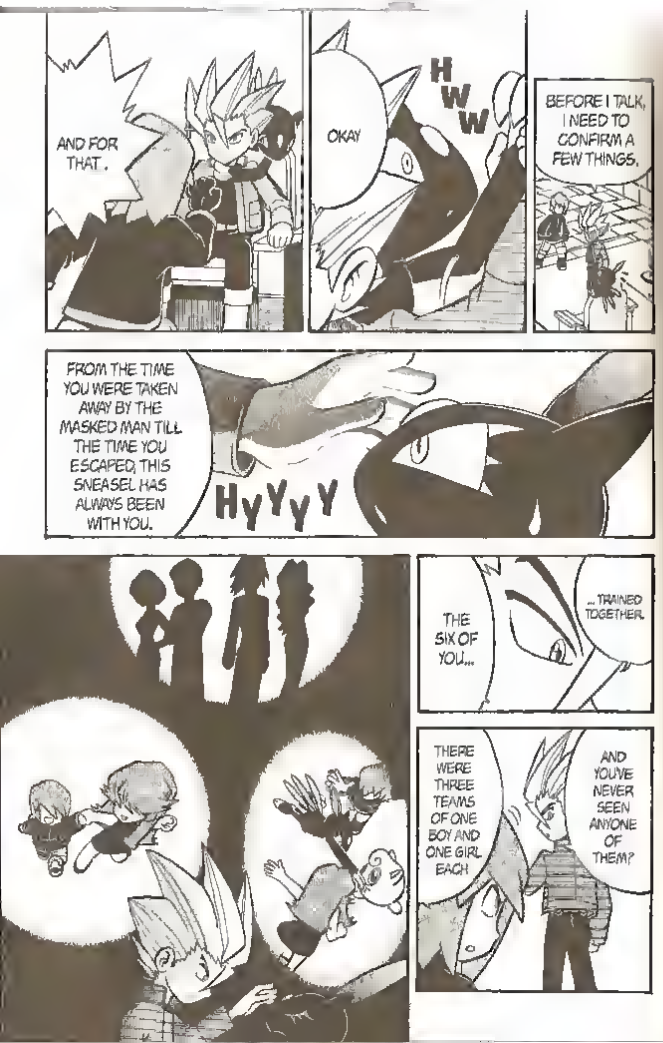
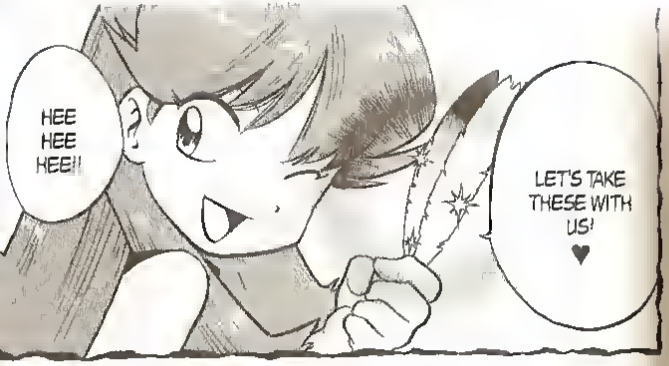
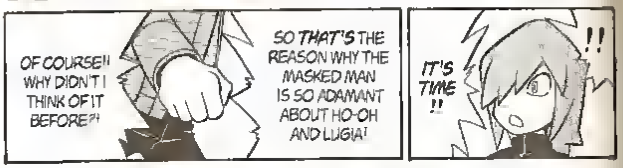

LUGIA WAS VITAL TO THE ELITE FOUR'S PLANS FOR UTOPIA...
BUT NOW, IT DOESN'T MATTER ANYMORE. IT'S UP TO YOU TO BELIEVE ME OR NOT...
WAIT!
NO... I CAN TELL IF YOU'RE SPEAKING THE TRUTH FROM YOUR EYES.
I APOLOGIZE FOR INTRUDING
I DON'T MEAN TO BE NOSEY BUT IF YOU LOVE YOUR POKEMON, SHOW YOUR AFFECTIONS MORE OFTEN.
INFLUENCED BY ITS TRAINER, THE MURKROW'S HEART IS BREAKING
WHAT?!
ONCE, I'D FORGOTTEN THIS POINT...
AND THE CONDITION OF THE HEART AFFECTS THE STRENGTH TOO. I FELT IT WHEN WE EXCHANGED BLOWS JUST NOW
WITH YOUR STRENGTH, YOU WILL NEVER ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING!
THE MAN YOU'RE LOOKING FOR IS POWERFUL ENOUGH TO COMMAND THE LEGENDARY GIGANTIC BIRD POKEMON.

YOU SOUND AS IF YOU KNOW THE MASKED MAN!!
INTERESTED
YOU THEN LAID OUT YOUR CONDITIONS!
I WAS SUPPOSED TO CARRY OUT MISSIONS FOR YOU AND BECOME STRONG!!
YES.
I DON'T CARE WHY YOU WANTED ME TO DO WHAT I DID! I'M ONLY INTERESTED IN THE MASKED MAN!!
YOU WERE RIGHT! TEAM ROCKET HAS LED ME TO THE MASKED MAN!!
AND I HAVE FOUGHT WITH HIM!!
I MAY HAVE LOST TO HIM THEN, BUT I KNOW I'M GONNA WIN THE NEXT TIME WE MEET!!
AND WHEN THAT FATEFUL DAY COMES, I WILL PUT AN END TO ALL OF THIS!!


AND FOR THAT.
OKAY
HWW
BEFORE I TALK, I NEED TO CONFIRM A FEW THINGS.
FROM THE TIME YOU WERE TAKEN AWAY BY THE MASKED MAN TILL THE TIME YOU ESCAPED, THIS SNEASEL HAS ALWAYS BEEN WITH YOU.
HYYYY
THE SIX OF YOU...
...TRAINED TOGETHER.
THERE WERE THREE TEAMS OF ONE BOY AND ONE GIRL EACH
AND YOU'VE NEVER SEEN ANYONE OF THEM?

NO. ALL THREE TEAMS WERE SEPARATED AND WE WERE MADE TO WEAR MASKS
WHAT DID YOU DO BESIDES TRAINING?
I THINK EACH TEAM HAS A SPECIALIZED THEME WHICH WE LEARNT. GREEN AND I WERE LEARNING EVOLUTION AND EXCHANGE.
AH! YOU ESCAPED WITH HER HELP. HMM... AND THAT GIRL WAS A GREAT HELP AT SALT ISLAND... HUH?!
SNEASEL REMEMBERS SOMETHING
WHEN SHE ESCAPED, GREEN STOLE SOMETHING FROM THE MASKED MAN!
DO YOU REMEMBER? SILVER??
YEAH..


HEE HEE HEE!!
LET'S TAKE THESE WITH US! ♥


OF COURSE!! WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF IT BEFORE?!
SO THAT'S THE REASON WHY THE MASKED MAN IS SO ADAMANT ABOUT HO-OH AND LUGIA!
IT'S TIME!!
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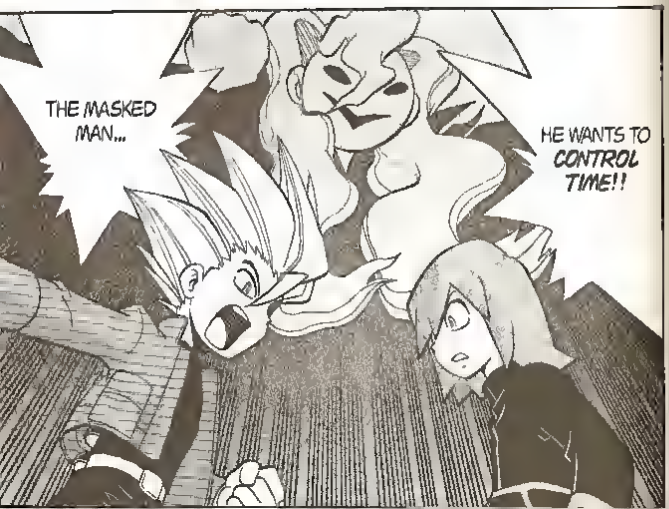
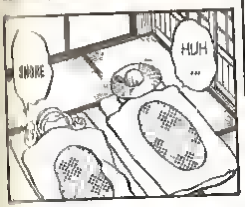

THE MASKED MAN...
HE WANTS TO CONTROL TIME!!

UH?

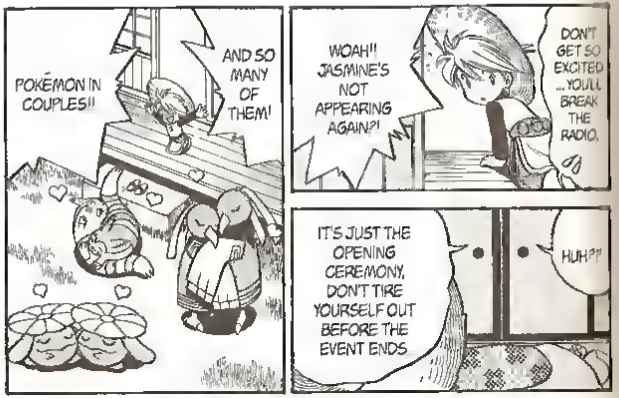

SNORE
HUH...

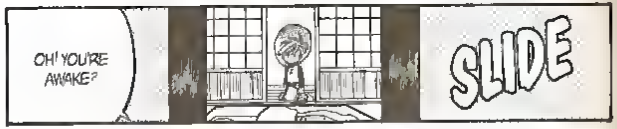
HUH? WHERE AM I?

WE WERE SAILING TOWARDS OLIVINE WHEN,
...WE MET THE GIANT POKEMON

SOMEONE MUST'VE SAVED US?! BUT WHO WAS IT?
WHY DID

WAAH!!


POKÉMON IN COUPLES!!
AND SO MANY OF THEM!
WOAH!! JASMINE'S NOT APPEARING AGAIN?!
DON'T GET SO EXCITED ... YOU'LL BREAK THE RADIO.
IT'S JUST THE OPENING CEREMONY, DON'T TIRE YOURSELF OUT BEFORE THE EVENT ENDS.
HUH?!



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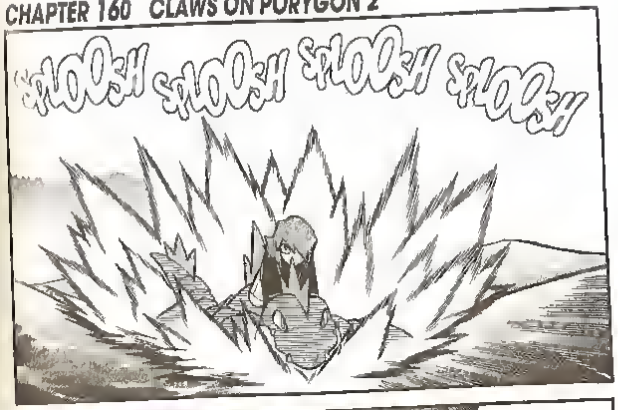

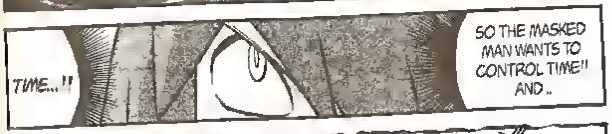

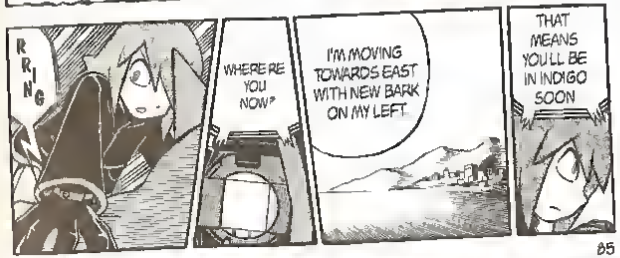

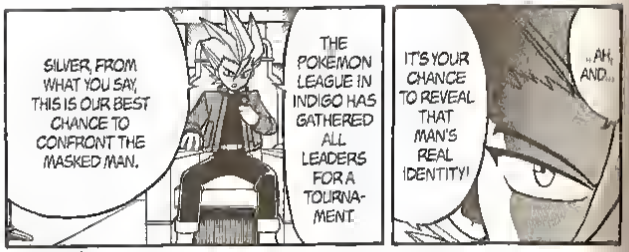
SILVER, FROM WHAT YOU SAY, THIS IS OUR BEST CHANCE TO CONFRONT THE MASKED MAN.
THE POKÉMON LEAGUE IN INDIGO HAS GATHERED ALL LEADERS FOR A TOURNA-MENT.
IT'S YOUR CHANCE TO REVEAL THAT MAN'S REAL IDENTITY!
..AH, AND...

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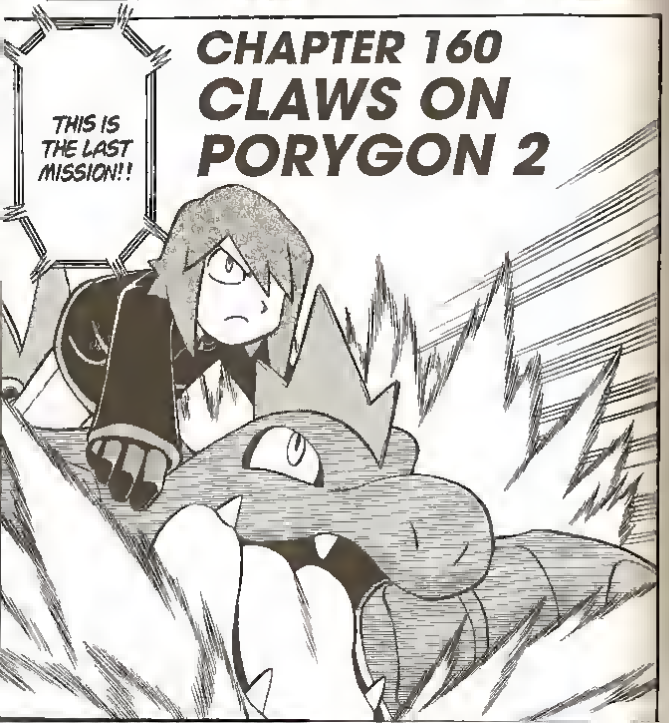
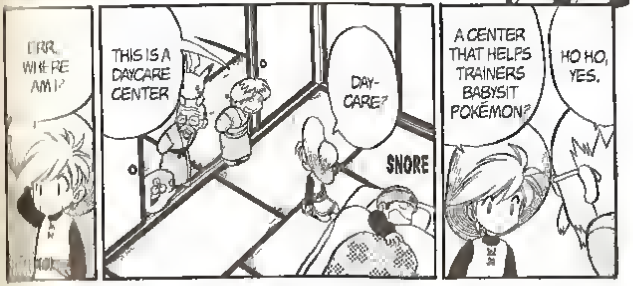
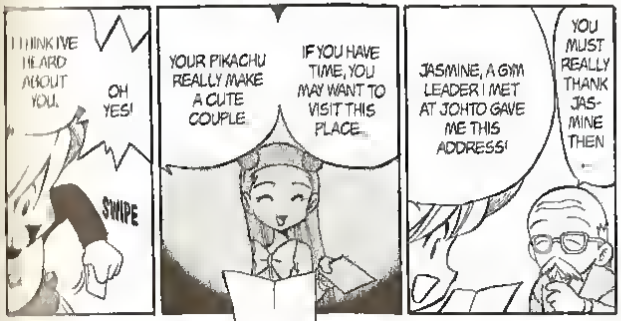
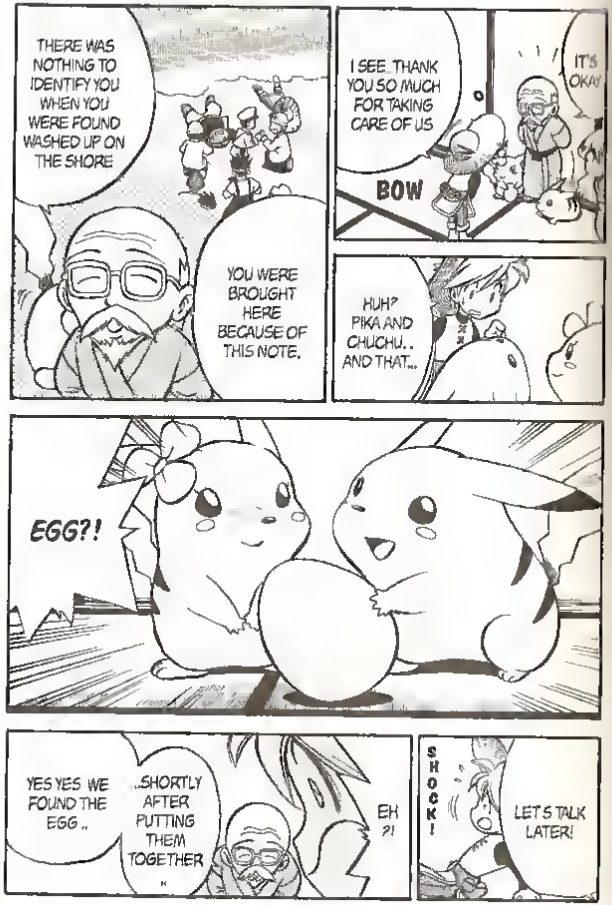
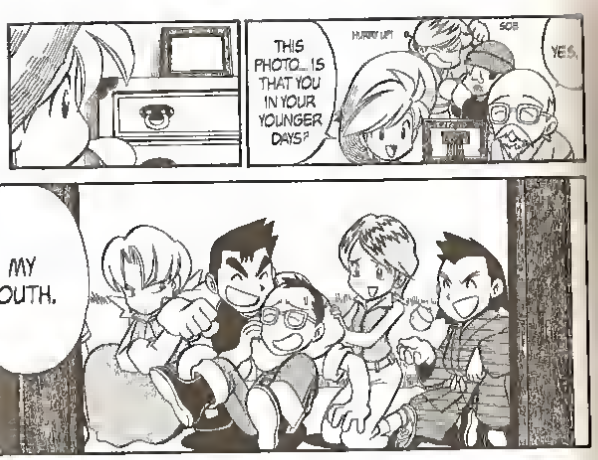


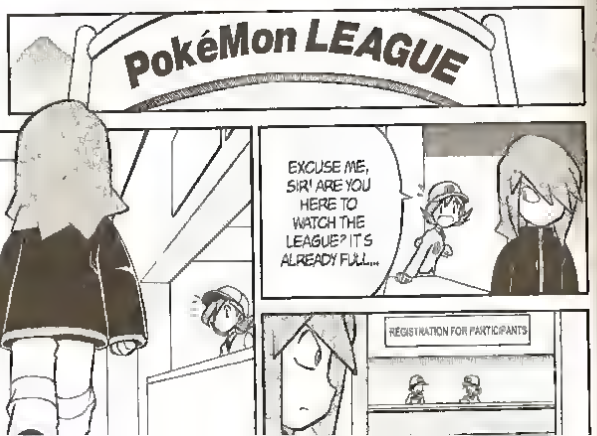


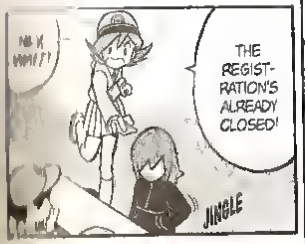

I THINK I'VE HEARD ABOUT YOU.
OH YES!
SWIPE
YOUR PIKACHU REALLY MAKE A CUTE COUPLE.
IF YOU HAVE TIME, YOU MAY WANT TO VISIT THIS PLACE...
JASMINE, A GYM LEADER I MET AT JOHTO GAVE ME THIS ADDRESS!
YOU MUST REALLY THANK JAS-MINE THEN...


THERE WAS NOTHING TO IDENTIFY YOU WHEN YOU WERE FOUND WASHED UP ON THE SHORE
YOU WERE BROUGHT HERE BECAUSE OF THIS NOTE.
I SEE..THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR TAKING CARE OF US
BOW
IT'S OKAY
HUH? PIKA AND CHUCHU.. AND THAT..
EGG?!
YES YES WE FOUND THE EGG..
..SHORTLY AFTER PUTTING THEM TOGETHER
EH ?!
SHOCK!
LET'S TALK LATER!

IF YOU WANT TO CONTINUE HAVING MEAL, YOU'LL NEED TO WORK FOR YOUR KEEP
HEY YOU, WAKE UP AND HELP!
ZRR ZRR...
POW
AWW!
EN, OW UP THESE BALLOONS! AND EN, QUICK ABOUT IT!
WORK? BUT ISN'T THIS A DAYCARE CENTER?
HMM.. THIS IS A SIDE JOB.
SLAPSLAP
GRANNY, CAN'T WE..
DON'T YOU BE CALLIN ME GRANNY!
YOU WILL ADDRESS ME AS "MY BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS"!
I..I CAN'T!!
SIGH..MORE TORTURE VICTIMS FOR GRANNY...


THIS PHOTO... IS THAT YOU IN YOUR YOUNGER DAYS?
HURRY UP!
SOB
YES.
MY YOUTH.

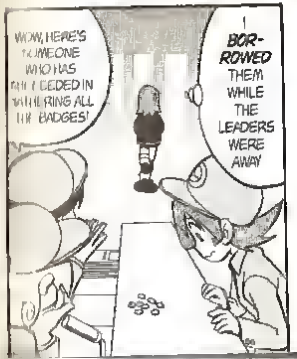

PokéMon LEAGUE
EXCUSE ME, SIR! ARE YOU HERE TO WATCH THE LEAGUE? IT'S ALREADY FULL...
REGISTRATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

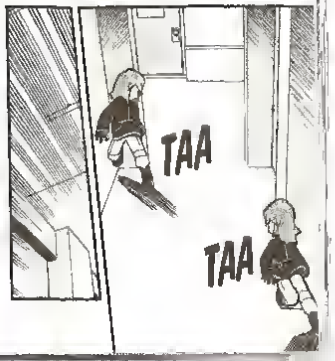

NO WAY!?
THE REGISTRATION'S ALREADY CLOSED!
JINGLE

HUH ?!

YOU HAVE TO DO IT BEFOREHAND.
CLING CLANG

I'VE HEARD THAT I COULD TAKE PART ANYTIME WITH THESE.
OH YES! THIS WAY PLEASE!! YOU CAN TAKE PART UNCONDITIONALLY.


WOW, HERE'S SOMEONE WHO HAS NOT NEEDED IN GATHERING ALL THE BADGES!
I BORROWED THEM WHILE THE LEADERS WERE AWAY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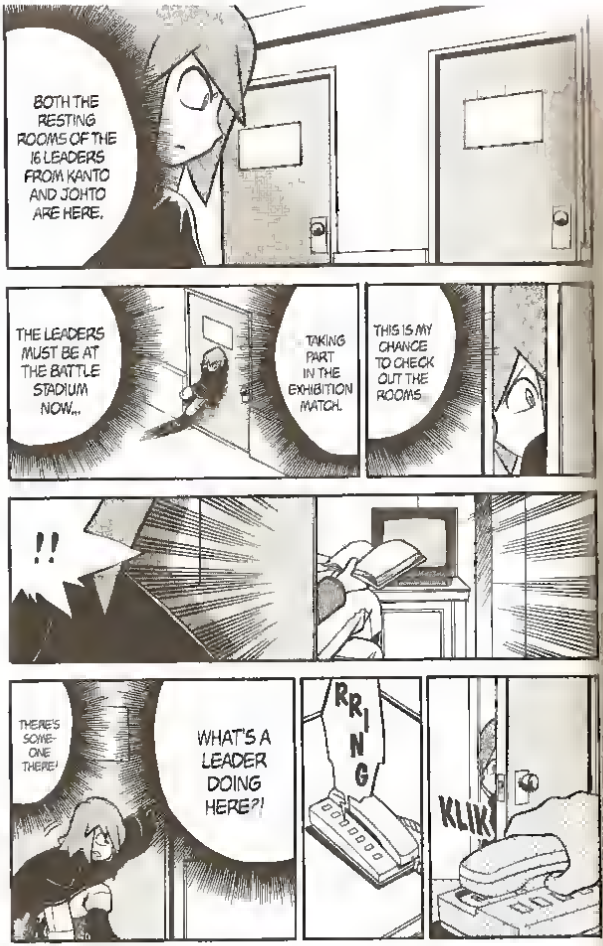
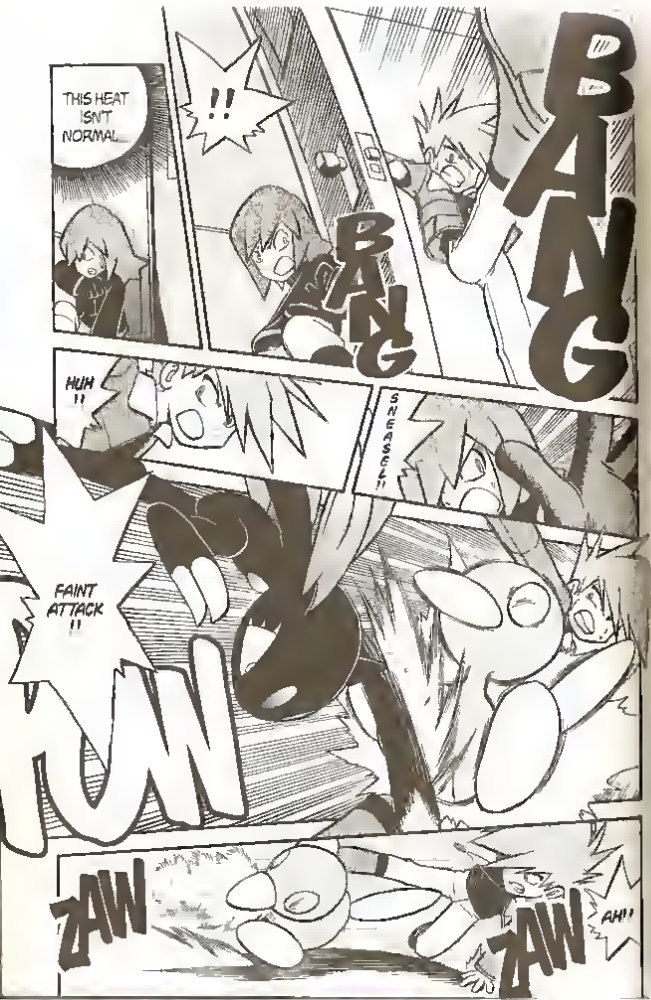

BOTH THE RESTING ROOMS OF THE 16 LEADERS FROM KANTO AND JOHTO ARE HERE.
THE LEADERS MUST BE AT THE BATTLE STADIUM NOW...
TAKING PART IN THE EXHIBITION MATCH.
THIS IS MY CHANCE TO CHECK OUT THE ROOMS.
!!
THERE'S SOME-ONE THERE!
WHAT'S A LEADER DOING HERE?!
RRING
KLIK

YOUR BATTLE WILL START SOON. PLEASE COME TO THE MAIN BATTLE STADIUM NOW.
SECRETS OF THE LAND
NEW LEADER OF VIRIDIAN GYM, BLUE.
OKAY
KLIK
RED WILL NEVER CHANGE ..
JUST BECAUSE HE FEELS BAD ABOUT TAKING MY CHARIZARD, HE LEFT HIS GYARADOS BEHIND.
KAAA
HUH!!
IT'S HOT!
WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING?!
SOME-BODY ...?!


THIS HEAT ISN'T NORMAL...
!!
BANG
BANG
HUH !!
SNEASEL!!
FAINT ATTACK !!
ZAW
ZAW
AH!!

GAAA
HA
HS
HS
HA THIS THE GUY WHO CREATED THIS HEAT?!
SNEASEL! AGAIN!
BY US
IT'S USELESS! MY PORYGON 2 IS USING AN ATTACK CALLED CONVERSION 2!
NOW MY PORYGON 2 CAN EASILY FEND OFF ANY ATTACKS FROM SNEASEL!!
I SEE
HOW INTERESTING
MY PORYGON 2 IS TYPE DARK IN THIS BATTLE! YOUR ATTACKS MAY NOT BE AS EFFECTIVE AS YOU THINK.
UH!
KWAAA
!!
WE SEEM TO HAVE MISTAKEN EACH OTHER AS THE CULPRIT FOR THIS HEAT.

LOOK!
THAT'S THE REASON!!
GRRGRR
GNAAAAAA

IT'S AWL BLANK!
THEN
THE OPPONENT IS...
CHAA
WHAT IS BLUE UP TO? IT'S ALMOST HIS TURN!
KANG KANG
I'M HERE BECAUSE GRANDFATHER CAN'T LEAVE HIS RESEARCH
BUT I DIDN'T EXPECT TO HAVE TO DOUBLE AS A SUMMONER!
IT SEEMS UNUSUALLY HOT IS THE AIR-CONDITIONER DOWN?
!!